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Title: **STERILE SHEATH FOR AN INJECTION SYRINGE**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 18 pages, including 3 independent claim and 35 claims total.
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of drawings containing 8 figures.
3. Certified copy of German Patent Application No. 103 01 884.0, filed on January 17, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with document attached.
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6. A check for \$1040.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on German Patent Application No. 103 01 884.0, filed on January 17, 2003.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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